

IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended). A method of transmitting a message from a portable communication device comprising:

~~preparing the message to be transmitted, wherein preparing includes receiving in a wireless communication network a the message from a user of the portable communication device together with an instruction to cause the network to transmit the message at a predetermined time via an input/output (I/O) module of the portable communication device;~~

~~storing the message and the instruction on said network;~~

~~associating the message with a user defined event, wherein the user defined event is defined by the user of the portable communication device and includes at least one condition upon which transmission of the message will occur; and~~

~~transmitting the message from the network at the portable communication device with an instruction to cause said base station to transmit said message at a predetermined time.~~

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising specifying the user defined event.

4 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying the date and time for transmission of the message.

5 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable cost level at which the message is to be sent.

6 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable transmission power level at which the message is to be sent.

7 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable security level at which the message is to be sent.

8 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein specifying the user defined event includes specifying an acceptable distance from a base station at which the message is to be sent.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

10 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the message includes wirelessly transmitting the message to a receiver and disabling a ringing function of the receiver.

Claims 11-23 (Canceled).

24 (Currently Amended). An article comprising: a storage medium having stored thereon instructions, that, when executed by a computing platform, results in:

~~preparing a message to be transmitted by a portable communication device, wherein preparing includes receiving in a wireless communication network a the message from a user of the portable communication device together with an instruction to cause the network to transmit the message at a predetermined time via an input/output (I/O) module of the portable communication device;~~

storing the message and the instruction on said network;

~~associating the message with a user defined event, wherein the user defined event is defined by the user of the portable communication device and includes at least one condition upon which transmission of the message will occur; and~~

~~transmitting the message from the network at the portable communication device to a base station together with an instruction to cause said base station to transmit said message at a predetermined time.~~

Claim 25 (Canceled).

26 (Original). The article of claim 24, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying the user defined event.

27 (Original). The article of claim 26, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying an acceptable quality of service level at which the message is to be transmitted.

28 (Original). The article of claim 26, wherein the instructions, when executed, further result in specifying an acceptable level of service level at which the message is to be transmitted.